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9 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

10 FOR THE

11 COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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13 KENNETH COUTURE,

CIVIL ACTION NO. CV05-0024

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 AMERICAN OVERSEAS MARINE
17 CORPORATION and GENERAL
DYNAMIC CORPORATION,

**DEFENDANTS' REQUEST FOR
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE;
DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

18 Defendants.

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20 Presently before the Court is Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, set for hearing
on March 15, 2007. Defendants hereby request a settlement conference prior to the hearing and
in particular request the Court to set the settlement conference for March 14, 2007.

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23 Defendants request that the Court require Plaintiff Kenneth Couture to attend the
settlement conference.¹ Defendants' representative(s) with full settlement authority will be
available by telephone. Defendants' representative(s) are located on the U.S. East Coast and

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¹ Though Plaintiff is currently at sea on the vessel USNS 1st Lt. JACK LUMMUS, Defendants' information is that
the vessel is due to return to Saipan on or about February 23, 2007.

1 given the time zone difference between Saipan and their location accordingly request the Court
2 to commence the settlement conference in the morning of March 14, 2007.

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby declares that on the 20th day of February 2007, I will cause to be served, via electronic filing/service, a true and correct copy of **DEFENDANTS REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE; DECLARATION OF SERVICE** upon the following Counsel of record:

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